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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


This paper is in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed August 23, 2004. Applicants elect Species A, with traverse. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-16, and 18-27 are readable upon the elected species.

The grounds for traversal are that examination of all of the species would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The independent claims have several features in common, and a search for one species would likely overlap with a search for the other

species. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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